

The Ku Klux Klan or "Knights of the White Light" Are Engaged in Laying a Deep Seated Plan or Scheme to Drive the Colored People Out of This Country Back to the Wilds of Africa. More Than One Million and a Half "Knights of the White Light" Are Scattered Throughout the Southern States to Aid the Movement.

MANY COLORED PREACHERS WILL AND HAVE RECEIVED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE "KNIGHTS OF THE WHITE LIGHT" FOR ASSISTING TO TURN THE HEADS OF THE COLORED PEOPLE TOWARDS AFRICA.

COL. MARCUS GARVEY, THE PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF AFRICA, EXPECTS TO CONTINUE TO RAKE IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM THE POOR SHORT-SIGHTED AND THOUGHTLESS COLORED PEOPLE, HAS JOINED HANDS WITH THE "KNIGHTS OF THE WHITE LIGHT."

THE TIME MAY COME IN THIS COUNTRY WHEN THE COLORED PEOPLE BOTH MEN AND WOMEN WILL BE FORCED TO FALL DOWN ON THEIR HANDS AND KNEES AND LAP WATER LIKE THE BLOODY DOGS OF WAR WHILE FIGHTING TO MAINTAIN THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER OR STATEMENT WHICH WAS INTENDED FOR ONE OF THE "KNIGHTS OF THE WHITE LIGHT" FELL INTO THE HANDS OF JULIUS F. TAYLOR.

By mistake the following letter or official statement of the Ku Klux Klan or the "Knights of the White Light" found its way into the hands of the writer instead of reaching one of the prospective members of the "Knights of the White Light". From its beginning to its end it is full of real solid food or serious thoughts for reflection and its contents shows to all the civilized world just what the honest and the better class of colored people are up against in some parts of this country, a country, at least some parts of it, which for more than three hundred years has bloomed and blossomed like the rose in June by the unrequited toil or hard labor day and night on the part of the colored men and women (slaves) throughout the southland.

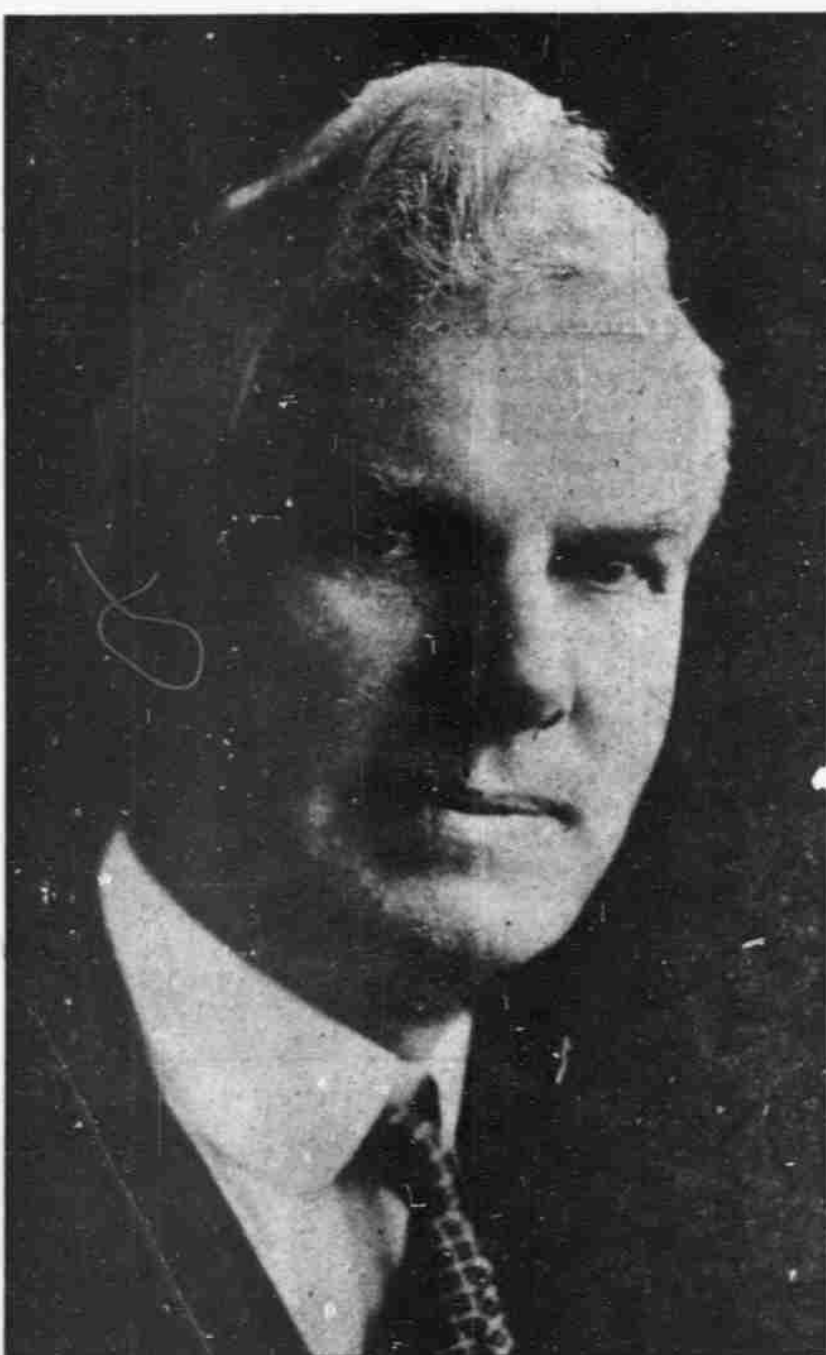
of the hellish system of slavery in this country, if the slaves would have rebelled at that time and put to death every rebel who raised his hands against the federal government, for that would have been the best and only way to have settled once and for all time to come the slave holders' rebellion in this country.

The very fact that the slaves remained behind cultivating the large plantations, protecting the lives, the honor, the virtue and the homes of the white women and children left in their absolute charge, counted for naught and it has not and never will bring them any reward for their services honestly and faithfully performed in that direction, but come to think of it the former faithful slaves and those who have come after them are being constantly rewarded by being mobbed and lynched, burned at the stake on the slightest provocation in the presence of forty to fifty thousand white Christian men and women, including sweet, innocent little children and parts of the flesh of the colored

victims who are treated thusly have been proven to be innocent of committing any crime whatever, and as an evidence of the highest civilization, culture and refinement on the part of the so-called white Christians of the south they delight to sell the burning flesh of their colored victims to the highest bidders for cash.

But that is not strange when we remember that any race of people who will cheerfully and willingly sell their own flesh and blood for the sake of piling up wealth, are amply prepared for the commission of all of the most revolting crimes that have so far been invented by the most bloodthirsty villains who have disgraced the name of man.

But at this point we will step aside for a few moments and permit the "Knights of the White Light" to do some talking.



HON. MARTIN B. MADDEN

Member of Congress from the First Congressional District of Illinois, Who Will Assist President Harding to Review the Great Knight Templar Parade in Washington, D. C., This Coming Week.

PURPOSE

"Knights of the White Light" (Ku Klux Klan)

Dear Sir: In the fewest words possible the purpose of our organization is this, to transport all "Negroes" in the United States to Africa. As there is no law to compel the coon to leave unless he wants to go; the first step is to make him want to emigrate. Every person who joins this Order swears among other things to assist the coons to the conclusion that it is to their interest to place the Atlantic Ocean between themselves and the members of the "KNIGHTS OF THE WHITE LIGHT."

The first step of this progress in persuasion is simple and legitimate. The members under severe penalty for the violation of this oath, swear that after January — neither they nor any member of their family will for any consideration:

1. Sell a Negro anything to eat, drink or wear.

2. Rent them land, houses or anything whatsoever.

3. Nor will any lawyer, teacher, preacher or doctor give them any professional assistance.

4. Fail to boycott any merchant who sells to them or buys from them, the same with hotel keepers or anyone else who is not a member. Members will not dare do any of the above things.

5. Fail to furnish any Negro with a ticket who desires transportation to a seaport where passage to Africa might be obtained.

Speakers and agents are to tell them of the beautiful home across the Atlantic from whence they came. Nor is the press to be idle, all manner of magazines, papers, pamphlets, calculated to excite a desire in them for a home across the pond will be scattered among them.

Poor whites of the cities are to take the places of the Negroes who are now working the large farms and plantations. Landowners who insist

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BOOK CHAT BY MARY WHITE OVINGTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

"THE VENGEANCE OF THE GODS"

By William Pickens. Published by the A. M. E. Book Concern, 631 Pine St., Philadelphia, Pa. Price, \$1.25 Postpaid

Mr. Pickens is well known to Americans as a public speaker and an essay writer, but he is new to the world of fiction. The Vengeance of the Gods is a slight volume containing four stories, or to be more exact, two stories and two sketches of veritable happenings.

I confess to finding reality better than fiction. The tale of the colored man who didn't take the upper berth for which he had paid and who thereby got its occupant, a white man, a good thrashing and placed the white man who had planned to attack the Negro in a false and ludicrous position, is almost too good to be true. It laughs at white prejudice, and the finest attack that we can make on white prejudice, is the attack of ridicule. And the last sketch of the colored soldiers in France, "Tit for Tat" is the best of all. It is the story of the 370th Regiment encamped at Grand Villars. I cannot resist repeating the gist of it.

At Grand Villars, France, the first American regiment to be stationed there was a colored one. The French saw these soldiers and learned to like them heartily. The colored men were on their best behavior and were polite and gentle to the women and hearty to all men. They pushed the baby carriages, they carried up the water for the girls from the spring, they were genuinely democratic, helping rich and poor alike. The girls, of course, all took to them, the doors of every home were open to them, and they had a royal good time.

Then came a white regiment, and it happened a white regiment that did not take the trouble to be as courteous to the inhabitants as the colored regiment had been. As soon as the white soldiers saw that the French girls had been inviting colored soldiers into their homes, they were shocked and they at once instructed the French in race prejudice. But they overdid it. They overdid it so much that they gave the colored soldiers their chance. One of their lieutenants from New Orleans got the French folk of the town out to hear him, and then explained to them that these new soldiers were not real Americans. Could they not see it? Had they not violated all those ideals of democracy of which they had heard so much? "We allow them to live in our country but they hate us. Many of them are the descendants of the Germans and Austrians and have much of the arrogance of their forebears. We do not associate with

them in our country; we call them crackers and pecks!" And crackers and pecks they were to the end of their stay, outcasts, unable to receive recognition from any of the French people of Grand Villars.

Mr. Pickens says in his preface that "If the Negro wants to be idealized he must idealize himself. * * * A race must present its own case and ennoble its own ideals." He offers these four stories as a beginning in this direction. In the tales the colored are the heroes and heroines and the whites occupy a subordinate and by no means an attractive place.

It is a question whether we can get artistic writing if it is undertaken on this method. Rather we shall get the sort of writing that we dislike in the whites, special pleadings. Those who follow the custom, as Mr. Pickens puts it, of showing the Negro either as a clown or a villain, have their propaganda, and it is because we see the propaganda that we dislike the story. So if we are conscious that the colored writer represents his heroes as virtuous and heroic because he wants to teach us a lesson, we shall sense the propaganda and just so far distrust the story. And when the facts as in this volume are accompanied with much comment from the author regarding the Negro and his rights we shall distrust it all the more.

When the Negro begins to write great fiction, and he will before long, he will write out of the intense creative impulse of the artist. He will show us the Negro in his strength and his weakness. And despite all the weakness, the truth of the life of the Negro in America is so terrible, that he will tear at our heart strings. But such a writer must give all his life to his work. He must be content "to live in a garret aloof, to have few friends and go poorly clad." No creative work can be done at odd, tired minutes.

But I am reviewing a volume of four stories, not the great novel of the future. The stories are entertaining and the presage of larger things. We hope that we shall have more of them.

CITIZEN WILSON THANKS MAN WHO SAVED SLAYER

Washington, D. C.—Former President Wilson "as an American citizen and as a native of Virginia" has written Commonwealth Attorney Thomas H. Lyon of Manassas, Va., it became known, thanking him for the part he took recently in saving Alvin Harris, colored, from a mob. Harris shot and killed a law officer. Attorney Lyon put him in his automobile and, avoiding a mob, placed him in jail at Alexandria.